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**From:** Inhorn, Emma  
**Sent:** Friday, June 17, 2022 9:20 AM  
**To:** 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) Personal Privacy  
**Cc:** safewater@epa.gov  
**Subject:** EPA Public Inquiry: St. John's Harbor Water Association, Palatka, FL

Good morning 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) Person,

My name is Emma Inhorn and I work for the drinking water section of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for your region. Thank you for the information you submitted to the EPA's website on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, concerning the quality of drinking water supplied by St John's Harbor Water Association. You expressed specific concern with the chlorine levels of the water. Your concern was forwarded to the US. EPA's Region 4 office in Atlanta, Georgia, for response.

Under provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), drinking water that is distributed by public water systems for human consumption must meet strict standards for quality. The EPA establishes "primary" drinking water standards for contaminants that present health risks and are known or are likely to occur in public water systems. The EPA has designated the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as having authority for regulating public water systems in Florida.

Upon learning of your concern, I contacted FDEP and provided them with the details of your concern. FDEP contacted the water operator for your system, who investigated the situation and found an issue with one of the chlorine pumps, suspected to have been caused by a lightning strike. The operator has now corrected this problem. I believe you have received follow up communication from a representative from FDEP in your area. If the EPA can be of further assistance to answer any questions, please feel free to email me at [inhorn.emma@epa.gov](mailto:inhorn.emma@epa.gov), or to contact me at (404)-562-9307.

Thank you,  
Emma

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